

AQUATIC CENTRE WORKING PARTY MINUTES – THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT

Cllr Ross Higlett, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Iain Stewart (GMO), Karen Luka (Swimming Club), Terry Cambourn (Community Member), Maddison Bailey

APOLOGIES

Cllr Ray Thompson, Darren King and Jodie Stewart

The Committee resolved to accept the apologies.

MOVED: Cllr Higlett

SECONDED: Terry Cambourn

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Aquatic Centre Working Party held on 23 August 2012 were adopted by Council on 15 October 2012.

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Committee resolved for appropriate actions to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during business arising from the previous minutes.

MOVED: Cllr Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Karen Luka

ITEM 4 – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on 15 October 2012, Councillors Ray Thompson and Ross Higlett were appointed to the Aquatic centre Working Party.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the information be noted and Councillors welcomed.

MOVED: Terry Cambourn

SECONDED: Karen Luka

ITEM 5 –DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN

The final draft of the Business Plan has been forwarded to members of the Committee. A copy has been attached for the information of members of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the report be received and that any amendments, comments or items for inclusion be collated and forwarded to Council's consultant to complete the Plan.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Maddison Bailey

ITEM 6 – OPERATING ISSUES AT THE AQUATIC CENTRE

There are a number of operating issues raised including –

- The overuse of the hot water showers.
- The external showers on the concrete concourse are still not directed into the appropriate drainage system.
- There appears to be no hanging facilities for towels or clothes in the change rooms.
- It was also noted that there are problems being experienced with the card reading system and this matter is a contractual matter and is being discussed with the suppliers of the software. A solution will be found for this problem.
- Other items in relation to the showers will need to be further investigated and certain actions taken either to place timers on the showers and to ensure that the external showers are modified to ensure that they discharge into the drainage system.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That discussions be held with Councils contractor and consultant concerning the installation of timers on the hot water showers.
2. That the external showers on the concrete course be modified to ensure that the runoff from the showers enters the appropriate drainage system.
3. That hanging facilities for towels and clothing in the change rooms be provided by Council Staff.
4. That the card reading system has had some difficulties but the system is now operating satisfactorily.

MOVED: Terry Cambourn

SECONDED: Karen Luka

ITEM 7 – HEATING OF SPLASH POOL

Since the opening of the Pool a number of complaints have been received concerning the temperature of the Childrens' Splash Pool. As the Committee will be aware this item was to be heated in conjunction with the installation of the 25 metre pool. However due to the relatively cold weather a short term solution to the operating temperature is being sought. A feasibility study is being conducted by Col Howarth Plumbing who was the main plumbing contractor for Stage 1 and details were subsequently provided to the Committee of the proposed heating project.

RECOMMENDATION: Col Howarth Plumbing be requested to proceed with the installation of the necessary equipment for the heating of the splash pool at a quoted cost of \$10817.00 (ex-GST).

MOVED: Karen Luka

SECONDED: Terry Cambourn

ITEM 8 – FUNDING OF STAGE 2 AND FUTURE WORKS

This item is listed for discussion as it may be necessary to adjust the priorities for future stages of the project. During the regular winter clean of the 50 metre Pool the ongoing deterioration of the tiles and surface is cause for concern. The relining of the 50 meter pool is becoming a high priority for funding. Whilst indicative costs suggest a project total of \$800,000 it will be necessary to update this figure

RECOMMENDATION: That an estimate of cost for a feasibility study for the relining of the 50 metre pool be obtained from Council's Architect/Consultant Mr S Johansson of Facility Design Group Pty Ltd and reported to a future meeting of the Committee. Further that revised costings for the development of Stages 2 and 3 of the Aquatic Centre be also obtained.

MOVED: Karen Luka

SECONDED: Terry Cambourn

ITEM 9 - GENERAL BUSINESS

- Catering Arrangements. It is noted that Uniting Care Lithgow have taken over the catering of the kiosk and an agreement is currently with Council's solicitor formalizing the conditions relating to this arrangement.
- Official Opening. It was noted that at the last meeting discussions were held regarding the possibility of a 50 year celebration to be conducted sometime in November and this matter is again listed for determination as to whether the committee wishes to proceed with this proposal.
- Date of the next meeting. Dates are submitted for consideration as to whether the committee wants to meet on a regular basis and endeavour to set some dates so that no confusion can exist regarding attendance at future meetings.
- The in and out driveway for buses and conflict with existing street tree.
- Screens for the kiosk. These were to be ordered locally and installed as soon as possible.
- RDFA funding. The committee resolved that the lining of the pool and Stage 2 of the Aquatic Centre be considered as appropriate submissions for the RDAF funding Rounds 3 and 4.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the open day is to be officially held on 24 November 2012 and appropriate actions be taken to enable free entry to the pool. The provision of entertainment in the shape of a band and other attractions including an inflatable device is proposed for the fun day activities.
2. The tree located at Barton Street adjacent to the exit driveway from the pool be pruned or removed to facilitate bus movements entering the site, dropping off children and exiting the site.
3. That the lining of the existing 50 meter Pool and construction of Stage 2 of the Aquatic Centre be considered for funding in RDAF rounds 3 and 4.

MOVED: Cllr Higlett

SECONDED: Terry Cambourn

The meeting closed at 5:00 pm.